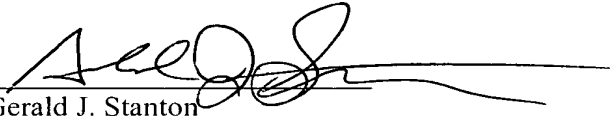


**Remarks/Arguments:**

The final Office Action dated December 16, 2004 allowed claims 2-7 and finally rejected claim 1. Claim 1 is herein canceled without prejudice or adverse inference, leaving only allowed claims 2-7 in this application. The Examiner is requested to enter this amendment and pass those allowed claims to issue. The undersigned representative welcomes the opportunity to resolve any formal matters that may remain via teleconference, at the Examiner's discretion.

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